

PRICE CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY

Theodore H. Price, Former Cotton King, Indicted in Washington Yesterday.

CHARGED WITH BRIBING GOVERNMENT EXPERT

Said to Have Made \$750,000 on Account of Advance Information Regarding Government Cotton Reports, for Which He Is Said to Have Paid \$125,000.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 29.—Almost simultaneously in Washington and New York indictments were to-day returned against Theodore H. Price, a prominent New York cotton operator, Frederick A. Peckham and Messrs. Haas, both of New York, and Edwin S. Holmes, Jr., of this city, formerly assistant statistician of the Department of Agriculture, of alleged participation in government crop report leaks. Price is charged with having conspired with other three men to furnish advance information regarding the crop reports of the Department of Agriculture to Peckham, Peckham and Haas are charged with conspiring to bribe Holmes to shape the official reports to suit their interests. There were four indictments brought in by the Federal grand jury in both cities. All but Price have heretofore been indicted under true bills returned here in October, 1907, following the sensational exposure of the crop report leaks. After a long legal fight Peckham and Haas succeeded in preventing their extradition here from New York, but Holmes was placed on trial in June, 1907, the jury reporting a disagreement. Holmes has not been retried.

Made a Fortune.

The indictments were returned here late to-day. According to one of them Price made \$750,000 as a result of his advance information regarding the report for December, 1904, and paid Haas \$125,000 out of this sum. While not stating how much Holmes received as his share, the indictment charges that Haas paid Holmes \$1,000 for information on the June report of 1905. The indictment also charges that on May 31, 1905, Price and Haas conspired by promising, offering and giving to an official of the United States a sum of money to induce Holmes, in violation of his duty, to furnish such advance information. It recites the conference at New York, May 21st, between Price and Haas, following which Haas came to Washington, met Holmes, and promised to pay Holmes for advance information; that on June 1 and 2, 1905, Haas received such information from Holmes, and it was conveyed to Price, and that on June 2d Haas paid Holmes \$1,000. The second count of the indictment says Haas and Price conspired to bribe Holmes to arrange the June report so as to show a greater cotton report than the information in the statistician's office justified.

With the other elements charge the three New York men, in eight counts, with bribing Holmes for the information, and with conspiracy to shape the report as mentioned; charge Holmes, Peckham and Haas with conspiracy to defraud the government by giving advance information in violation of the fourth indictment charging Peckham and Haas only with conspiracy to bribe Holmes to give out advance information.

Price Is Bailed.

NEW YORK, May 29.—Theodore H. Price, at one time known as the "Cotton King" because of his tremendous trades in the staple, and more recently president of the Eagle Fire Insurance Company, was indicted to-day by the Federal grand jury, after a long investigation, in which a startling leak of the cotton crop report had been exposed, and a government report which had not been made public was discovered.

The grand jury found two indictments against Price, one charging conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States, and the other, a conspiracy to defraud the government. Three other persons were indicted with Price, and warrants have been issued for their arrest, as they are out of the jurisdiction of the Federal court of this district.

With the handing down of the indictments, Mr. Price, who had apparently anticipated the action taken against him, appeared at the Federal building and surrendered himself. He was arraigned before Judge Hough and bailed out on \$100,000. He was released at \$5,000, which was furnished, and Mr. Price was released after the court had set June 15th as the date for the preliminary hearing.

Makes Statement.

Mr. Price, in a statement made public after his arraignment, asserted that he was entirely innocent of the charges. The statement follows: "Mr. Theodore H. Price made the following statement in regard to the so-called 'cotton leak' case. He said that while an indictment was, of course, an exceedingly disagreeable experience to undergo, it was an accusation and not a proof, and he is aware that the government has considered it necessary to take this action before the matter becomes outworn on June 30, or thereabout. He feels no doubt whatever of the issue. "The original 'cotton leak' charges made some three years ago were based on the statement of Van Riper, the broker-shop operator, a self-confessed participant and beneficiary with others of the alleged 'cotton leak,' who conducted his account with Messrs. Hubbard Bros. & Company and not with Mr. Price.

Says He Is Persecuted.

"Mr. Price said that ever since he brought an injunction suit against the New York Cotton Exchange a year ago the then and present dominant group in the exchange, who are his declared enemies, have moved every influence they could command to injure and cripple him, and have fostered the present craze for indictments, and especially indictments of Wall Street men.

Mr. Price says that he is the object

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NO WHISKEY FOR MEDICINE

Charlotte Aldermen Adopt Ordinance Revoking Druggists' License.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 29.—By a vote of 9 to 8 to-night the City Council passed an ordinance taking away from drug stores the right to sell intoxicating liquor on physicians' prescriptions. The drug stores are given until July 1st to dispose of the stock of liquors they have on hand.

The action of the Aldermen followed a stormy meeting, in which sentiment was divided. An energetic effort was made to extend the privilege now enjoyed by the drug stores until January 1, 1909, when the existing law voted on last Tuesday goes into effect, but this was defeated by a vote of 9 to 8. Then the radical measure to revoke the license of the druggists from keeping in stock or disposing of any beer, malt, vinous or spirituous liquors, came to a vote. Eight members of the Council voted in favor of the Councilmen voted aye and eight voted no, and it was left to Mayor Franklin to cast the deciding vote, which he cast in favor of the ordinance.

The drug store license expires Monday next, and various measures looking toward restriction upon the handling of liquor by druggists and a higher license tax for the privilege were under consideration, but the action of to-night was unexpected and a mild surprise to the druggists. The ordinance means that after the 1st of July not a drop of liquor can be secured in Charlotte for any consideration. The new prohibition law contains a clause which gives cities and counties the right to deny the drug stores liquor licenses, and a clause in the new city charter also forbids the establishment of a medical dispensary, where liquor may be sold on prescription, thus taking away from physicians the right to prescribe it.

The action of to-night removes still another fruitful source of municipal revenue.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Mr. Bishop Receives Fatal Shock and His Son Stunned.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHRISTIANBURG, VA., May 29.—Charles O. Bishop, a respectable farmer, forty-five years old, was instantly killed by lightning during a heavy thunder storm on the farm here, three miles southwest of this place, late yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Bishop was foreman of a force of hands on the road, and when the storm came up, he and his three sons were standing under a large tree, and in a few minutes the bolt struck the tree, killing him and knocking one of his sons senseless, but the other two were lying on the ground and were unharmed. He leaves a widow and several small children.

Just one year ago a man named Reed was killed by lightning on the same road less than a mile from there, and four more have been killed on that immediate vicinity within the memory of a number of the neighbors, and many are superstitious of this ill-fated locality.

LEAGUE PUT UP FUNDS

Said to Have Put Up \$45,000 for North Carolina Campaign.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, May 29.—Thomas M. Gilmore, president of the National Model License League, to-day admitted that the expenses of the North Carolina campaign against prohibition for the year 1908, and the traveling expenses of the league, the Wasson, rector of Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, Riverhead, L. I., and the Episcopal Bishop of New York, who took the stump in North Carolina, were paid by the league. Mr. Gilmore admitted that they received compensation for their services, but refused to say how much.

The acts of Rev. Mr. Wasson have been referred to Bishop Burgess, and it is probable that some action will be taken by the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Long Island. The Rev. Wasson is expected home to-morrow, and his attention will be called to these matters.

The league spent \$45,000 in their campaign for run in North Carolina.

SENECA GIVEN HER TRIAL

The Trial Trip of the Derelict Destroyer Entirely Successful.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEWPORT NEWS, VA., May 29.—The new steel derelict destroyer Seneca, the only craft of her type ever designed, underwent a very successful trial trip of the Virginia capes to-day. The vessel maintained a speed of fifteen knots an hour, and the engines developed 1,400 horse power. Engineer-in-Chief, Captain Reynolds, and Engineer-in-Chief, Captain Dorsey, of the United States revenue cutter service, were aboard, and the destroyer's crew and the revenue cutter service by her builders, the New York Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, about June 15th.

WAS NOT MRS. GUINNESS

Woman in Brooklyn Something Like Her, But Not Her.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, May 29.—Through an underground investigation by the New York City Police, the woman known as Mrs. Bell Guinness, the Indiana murderess, was told that Mrs. Guinness was in Brooklyn.

Central office detectives investigated and found the report untrue. There was a woman residing at the address given who resembled the Guinness death, but she left for Washington, Pa., on May 20th. However, she is known, and there is no connection between her and the Indiana murderess.

HURRICANE ON COAST

Grave Fear Felt for Village of Portsmouth, Near Morehead, N. C.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 29.—A special cable from Morehead City, Va., says a seventy-mile hurricane raged on that part of the North Carolina coast from Morehead City to near Hatteras. Grave apprehension is felt for the safety of the people of Portsmouth, a small village on a low part of the coast, near Morehead. The big waves and high tides are out of communication and it is impossible to get news from there or from other points on the coast.

Life-savers went last night to the rescue of a fishing boat, but have not returned. It is feared that great damage has been done along the coast. Vessels plying the coast to-day have been in peril.

PASS OUT UNDER FIRE

Crowd Gotten Out of Theatre Without Knowing of Danger.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., May 29.—Several hundred women and children were in a theatre here to-night, witnessing a moving picture exhibition, when fire broke out in a five-story building separated from the theatre by a narrow alley. The fire was quickly extinguished, but the women and children were not returned. It is feared that great damage has been done along the coast. Vessels plying the coast to-day have been in peril.

MINISTER WHO KILLED WIFE NOW IN DYING CONDITION

FAIRMONT, W. VA., May 29.—Rev. S. A. Coffman, who murdered his wife three weeks ago, was taken to the Hospital this afternoon, apparently in a dying condition from starvation and collapse. Last Tuesday, the minister was seized with violent attack of dementia and attacked his keeper and other prisoners at the jail. He was kept handcuffed in a padded cell. He has absolutely refused to accept food since his outbreak, and physicians say he can live but a few days.

CAR LEAVES TRACK AND TOPPLES OVER

Dragged for Several Hundred Feet With Thirty Passengers Pinned in.

DR. McFADEN, OF RICHMOND, AMONG THEM

He and Other Officers, Returning from Royal Arcanum Meeting, Have Narrow Escape. Almost a Miracle That Nobody Was Killed.

BALTIMORE, MD., May 29.—The last car on Baltimore and Ohio train No. 6, from Chicago for New York, left the track about a mile east of McSpaden's, a small station about 100 miles from Pittsburg, to-day, and the passengers are wondering why many of them were not killed. One of them, who reached this city to-night, says that the accident was due to the other cars of the train having spread the rails.

The last car was occupied by about thirty people, three of them children. At the rear of the car was an observation platform, upon which half a score of the passengers were riding. Suddenly, while the train was going at about sixty miles an hour, there was a rumble, then a crash, and the car turned on its right side.

Are All Shaken Up.

Every window in the car was splintered as the car dragged along for about 100 feet. Then it brought up against a telegraph pole, which prevented its plunging down a twenty-foot embankment into the river.

Every one on board was shaken up, but probably half the passengers escaped unhurt. Among these were three children. After a delay of an hour those on the wrecked car were placed on the uninjured cars of the train and brought on to this city with the exception of Frank Sweeney, of Port Jarvis, N. Y., an engineer of the Erie Railroad, who was killed. He was taken to the hospital at McSpaden's, and is now seriously injured.

Dr. McFaden in Wreck.

Those on the wrecked car included a number of members of the Supreme Council, Royal Arcanum, who were returning from a meeting at McSpaden's, to-day. Among these were Dr. McFaden, of Richmond, Va., and Supreme Representative Howard A. Avery, of Norfolk, and M. J. Murray, of Boston, Mass., escaped injury entirely.

Dr. McFaden returned to the city late last night, having been delayed several hours by the wreck. He said that the car turned over he was thrown against the telegraph pole with great force, but did not feel the slightest inconvenience from his experience.

INJURED JUMPING FROM CAR

Panle Stricken On Steep Incline, Passenger Jumped to Safety.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., May 29.—A score or more persons were injured in a panic late to-day on a crowded electric car returning from the baseball park which ran down a steep incline at Montgomery, Ala. None of the injured are fatally hurt.

There were a hundred or more passengers on the car, which was one of a number bringing the crowd back to to-day's Southern League baseball game. A customer, who was leaning over the side of the car, was thrown down the steep incline one at a time.

It is stated that car No. 36 was too close to the car ahead, and when it became apparent that the car was beyond the control of the motorman, and while he was shouting to the crew ahead to pull out and give him room, there was a scramble for safety among the passengers. Men, women and boys jumped off the car, and in a few minutes the roadway was lined with injured persons. The car was stopped at the foot of the hill without accident.

THE CONSTABLE DISMISSED

Judge White Revokes Appointment of Norfolk County Official.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, VA., May 29.—Because he was found guilty of neglecting his duty, Judge White has revoked the appointment of Constable John J. Hand, No. 600 Chestnut Street, Port J. Hand, about a week ago and intimated that the burglar alleged to have robbed the house of Constable Hand, was a money consideration. J. A. Jarvis, constable in the Western Branch District of Norfolk county, was to-day dismissed from office by Judge White, his appointment being revoked, after an investigation in the Circuit Court.

Judge White declared the constable, to say the least, had displayed little zeal and gross negligence. He said that if there were other constables of this kind in the county they should come forward and resign.

The evidence showed that the offer was made by C. S. Brady, in the presence of Jarvis, who acquiesced by silence.

RABBI CALISH IN BOSTON WHERE HE PREACHES TO-DAY

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BOSTON, MASS., May 29.—Rabbi Edward N. Calish, of Richmond, will be in Boston to-day, preaching at the morning services of Congregation Adath Israel, the magnificent Jewish synagogue in the Back Bay. A notable gathering will hear him, for his fame as a pulpit orator has preceded him. Rabbi Calish is being well entertained during his stay in Boston.

Question Asked by Jurors Suggests Second Degree Verdict.

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 29.—The jury in the case of Theodore S. Whitmore, charged with the killing of his wife, whose body was found in the Lamplighter Hotel, New York, to-day asked the question whether or not the defendant had killed her in the second degree, after having deliberated on the evidence for nearly nine hours. Whitmore was taken back to the jail to-night.

The jury, which had retired shortly after 3 o'clock, was not heard from until a few minutes before 8 o'clock, when it sent word that it wanted information, submitting a note to Judge Swayze, asking whether it could bring in any other verdict than one of murder in the first degree. The jury were brought into court and instructed that they could find the defendant guilty of murder either in the first or in the second degree, or could acquit him.

WEATHER.

Showers.

TO SPEND LIFE IN PRISON

This the Sentence of Ack Hale for Killing His Sweetheart.

BRISTOL, TENN., May 29.—After deliberating eighteen hours, the jury in the case of Ack Hale, the youth charged with the murder of his sweetheart, Lillie Davis, this afternoon returned a verdict of murder in the first degree, recommending mercy. The court sentenced Hale to life imprisonment.

At 12 o'clock the jury was called in by Judge Tyler, but the foreman stated that they were divided, and he feared could not arrive at a verdict. A few hours later the jury came in and announced their finding. Hale will be appealed to the Supreme Court.

The tragedy occurred in East Hill Cemetery, in this city, on the night of May 27, 1907. The girl had left her home and went to the cemetery in company with Hale. She was found dying, and he protested that she had committed suicide by shooting herself with his pistol. He was arrested and taken to Blountville under heavy guard to prevent his threatened revenge. The girl was to have been married on Easter Sunday, three days later, to J. E. McRoberts, a young man of Georgetown, Va., and had already prepared her wedding clothes.

The theory of the State was that Hale criminally assaulted the girl and then murdered her to conceal his crime. It was known that he objected strenuously to her marriage to McRoberts, and the general opinion is that Hale killed her because she had rejected him.

Roy Hale, a brother of Ack Hale, was sentenced to the penitentiary for twenty years a few weeks ago for the murder of Irbey Davis, a brother of Lillie Hale. He has another brother who is under indictment in the county, and a brother-in-law serving a twenty-year sentence in North Carolina for highway robbery.

Raymond Stroops, a member of the notorious Hale family, shot a Bristol policeman a few weeks ago, and is now a fugitive.

Hale has made a strenuous fight to save himself. He showed no emotion when the jury announced the verdict. The judge overruled a motion for a new trial, and a appeal was taken to the Supreme Court.

FUNERAL OF GENERAL LEE

Obsequies to Be Held at Columbus to-day—Flags at Half-Mast.

VICKSBURG, MISS., May 29.—With an escort of Confederate veterans and members of the State militia, who were appointed by Governor Noel, the remains of the late General Stephen D. Lee, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, were conveyed to the Queen and Crescent depot to-day and the start on a special train was made for Columbus, Miss.

The funeral will be held at Columbus Saturday at 4 o'clock. Hundreds of citizens gathered on the line of march to accompany the body to the depot. The train left at 4 A. M., and will go direct to Columbus via Meridian.

PUT FLAGS AT HALF-MAST BY ORDER OF PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 29.—President Roosevelt to-day issued an order that in honor of the memory of the late General Stephen D. Lee, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, who died yesterday at his home in Mississippi, the flags in the National Park Cemetery at Vicksburg should be half-masted. General Lee was a member of the Vicksburg Park Commission. Flags on the Federal buildings at Vicksburg, Jackson and Columbus, Miss., also will be placed at half-mast.

Daughters to Have Memorial.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, May 29.—Mrs. Cornelia Branch Stone, president general of the United Confederate Veterans, to-day issued a general order deploring the death of General Stephen D. Lee, and requesting that every chapter of the United Confederate Veterans of the Confederacy shall at once appoint a day for a fitting memorial service to be held in his memory.

Priest and Lawyer Get Letters Written in Blood.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 29.—Father Peter J. O'Callaghan, head of the Paulist Order, in Chicago, and Francis E. O'Callaghan, an attorney, have been informed through an anonymous letter, written in blood and wrapped in crepe, that they have been marked for death by mysterious enemies, and that St. Mary's Church, Wabash Avenue, at Hubbard Court, has been doomed to be blown up by dynamite.

The threatening letter had been dropped into the post box of the church of which Father O'Callaghan is pastor. It was unsigned and undressed. On one side was a picture of a skull and cross-bones. Threats of death to the priest and to the lawyer, it is said, are the reward of those who have been marked for death by mysterious enemies, and that St. Mary's Church, Wabash Avenue, at Hubbard Court, has been doomed to be blown up by dynamite.

MR. WILLIAMS RESIGNS

Succeeded by Philadelphia Man as Head of Norfolk and Western System.

NORFOLK, VA., May 29.—John Blair McAfee, of Philadelphia, was to-day elected president of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, succeeding R. Lancaster Williams, who as receiver for the Seaboard Air Line Railway, was unable to serve.

Mr. Williams was elected vice-president, and E. C. Hathaway, general manager. Mr. Williams was elected chairman of the executive committee, and he continues as president of the Norfolk Railway and Light Company, the principal subsidiary company.

Taft Speaks on Panama.

NORWICH, CONN., May 29.—Secretary Taft was the guest of the evening of the Norwich Board of Trade and addressed a large audience of townspeople from the stage of the Norwich Theatre. The subject was "Panama," and much of the address was devoted to observations made by the secretary during his recent visit to the Canal Zone.

RAISE ALL MONEY NEEDED FOR PROTESTANT HOSPITAL

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, VA., May 29.—The Y. M. C. A. committee of canvassers announced to-night the raising of \$50, 170.15 for the Norfolk Protestant Hospital. This is enough to pay the outstanding obligations and complete the structure. The work was accomplished in two days.

Explosion in Pratt Mines.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., May 29.—Sam Dugan was probably fatally hurt and two negro miners badly injured by an explosion in No. 12 mine of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company to-night. Dugan went into one part of the mine to regulate the air when a gas explosion resulted.

Not Transferred Thaw.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 29.—Dr. A. W. Ferriss, president of the State Commission in Lunacy, to-day expressed the opinion that Harry K. Thaw cannot be transferred from Matteawan State Hospital for the Criminal Insane without the approval of the commission.

Snell's Will Is Set Aside.

CLINTON, ILL., May 29.—The jury in the second trial of the Snell will case, after having been out six hours, brought in a verdict early to-day, setting aside the will of Colonel Thomas Snell, a millionaire. The jury declared that Colonel Thomas Snell was of unsound mind.

CEDRO KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

The Famous Racer Has His Brains Scattered Over Pimlico Track.

HORRIBLE SMASH-UP OCCURS IN PRACTICE

Faulty Wheel Collapsed With Machine Going a Mile in 51 Seconds—Italian Hurdled Far Ahead and Strikes Fence—Chauffeur to Queen Helena.

BALTIMORE, MD., May 29.—Emanuel Cedro, the noted Italian automobile driver, was instantly killed on Pimlico race-track to-day. He had been preparing for races in which he was to have taken part to-morrow, and was making some very fast miles. One had just been finished in fifty-one seconds, and he had passed the grandstand and rounded the first corner of the track when spectators saw his car shoot into the air and turn a circular somersault, landing on the back, upside down.

Those who rushed to the spot found Cedro stretched upon his back dead, with a horrible gasp in the back of his head and portions of his brains scattered about. He was some distance from the car, from which he had apparently been thrown as it went over, and it is supposed that his head struck the fence.

Dr. Herbert Schnorrey, who was watching the practice spins of the entrants in to-morrow's races, reached Cedro's car almost before the dust of the accident had cleared away. He found that the occipital bone had been torn out entirely, and that a large portion of the brain was also missing. This was found in pieces on the track near by. The accident appears to have been caused by the collapse of the front wheel on the right side of the car. It was a wooden wheel, and small fragments of it were all that could be found after the accident.

Machine Total Wreck. The tire was found practically intact. The machine was totally wrecked.

Cedro arrived here yesterday and had expressed himself as sure to break the records from one to twenty-five miles. Early in the afternoon he had made a circuit of the mile track in fifty-six seconds. When he brought out his car for his final work for the day he said to the promoter of the races that he would make a mile in fifty seconds. He made three or four trials of the track, each faster than the preceding one, and at the time of the accident was probably going at the rate of a mile in fifty seconds.

The car, which is now left only for the scrap heap, was the one in which he had made all his records, and was designed by Cedro himself in 1906. He stated recently that it had been run 3,000 miles without material repairs, and that he had used the wheel which he had suffered by this use more than was apparent. It is known that the engine was in perfect condition when the car was brought on the track for the last time.

Chauffeur for Queen.

E. Cedro, an Italian, and for a number of years before he made his debut in the United States as an expert driver in automobile races was chauffeur to Queen Helena, of Italy. His first entry in this country in a competitive event was in the Oge Rock Hill Climbs, in 1904.

Cedro made a new world's track record of 53 minutes 14.2 seconds for fifty miles, at Long Branch. He drove a car in the Vanderbilt cup race in October the same year, but was forced to drop out after the second lap, when his machine broke down. He finished second in the Briar Cliff trophy race last month.

NOTED IRISH-AMERICAN ILL

Fears Entertained Over Recovery of John F. Finnelly, of Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 29.—John F. Finnelly, one of Chicago's foremost financiers, and a dangerous ill. He has been confined to his residence since December of last year. Several times his life has been despaired of, but each time he has rallied. During the last few days, however, he has been failing rapidly.

Mr. Finnelly is sixty-two years old. In 1882 he was elected to Congress from Chicago. He was an orator and a writer as well as a politician. He saw service not only in the Civil War, but in two Fenian raids in Canada, and was a newspaper correspondent with General Miles in the campaign against the Sioux Indians. He was president for three years of the United Irish League of America.

Albama Is For Bryan.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., May 29.—The Democratic executive committee met here to-day to count the vote in the primary of May 18th.

Swearing that Bryan won, the delegates to the national convention go instructed for him.

Wainwright Is Now Admiral.

TACOMA, WASH., May 29.—Richard Wainwright is now an acting rear-admiral of the United States Navy, commanding the second division of the Atlantic battleship fleet. Rear-Admiral Wainwright's flag was raised to-day. He will receive his commission as a full rear-admiral in July.

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MADE TWO MILLIONS

Patten and His Friends Clean Up Fortune in Corner in Cotton.

CHICAGO, ILL., May 29.—The corner in May corn, which has been run by James A. Patten, of this city, and his associates, came to an end to-day, and the "Patten crowd" is generally credited with having made about \$2,000,000 on the deal, although it is admitted that all estimates are largely guesswork. Mr. Patten personally declared to-day that he did not know how much had been made.

The market to-day was highly irregular and nervous in wheat, corn and oats. May wheat ranged between 1.00 and 1.11 and closed at 110 1/2. Corn sold anywhere between 77 1/2 and 82 1/2 and closed at 80 to 80 1/2. Oats ranged between 51 1/2 and 56 1/2 and closed at 52 3/4.

Excitement ran high to-day in all of the grain pits when the weakness of the market was changed to one of such bewildering rapidity that traders were puzzled. Shorts were anxious to cover, and brokers for the bull leaders had at times plenty of grain to sell. It is said that the shorts have delivered to Mr. Patten and his friends not less than 500,000 bushels of corn and close to 500,000 bushels of oats.

"The corner," he said, "has been largely in May corn," and Patten's holdings of this option were accumulated at between 55 and 60 cents. Subsequent buying necessary to support the market at periodical intervals kept the average purchase price by about 5 cents a bushel.

The deal began early in October, 1907. In that month May corn sold up to 65 1/4 cents. The financial troubles which set in about that time tumbled the price to 53 1/2 cents, and the financial panic which had been the price of May corn advanced slowly.

During February it sold up to 62 1/2 cents, and in March at 68 1/2 cents. Since then it has continued to climb, and shorts have scoured the country for corn and everything that they could lay hands on. They have consumed immense quantities of the grain have been delivered to Patten, but he has paid for it all, and apparently stood ready at all times to take it.

Early in May the shorts began desperate efforts to fill the Chicago elevators with corn, and the "rush" orders to apply on all corn shipments. Despite this, however, Patten and his associates were not compelled to get out of their hold on the market weakened to any apparent extent.

LESLIE REID DROWNED

Plunges in for Dive and Falls to Recover from Shock.

CHATHAM, VA., May 29.—Leslie Bennett Reid, the seventeen-year-old son of Colonel E. S. Reid, was drowned while bathing in the Potomac River here to-day. Accompanying Reid were William Shepherd and Archer Overby, boys about his age.

The three were in the pond when Reid came out and le